The Ins and Outs of Safety Footwear

January 3rd Meeting Topic:
We say safety footwear because steel and composite toe are included. What’s the difference and what are the advantages for each? Have you ever heard any of these questions or concerns about safety footwear? I don’t want to wear “steel toe shoes” they will cut my toes off! Steel-toed boots are more dangerous to your toes than normal boots when a heavy weight is dropped on them! It has a hard toe, is that a safety shoe?

Rob will not only explain exactly what a designation like ASTM F2413-11, MI/75 CI/75 Mt75 1 means, he will also explain how the compression and impact tests are done. Additionally, Rob will discuss the difference between Electro Static Dissipative and Electrical Hazard footwear and the difference between Composite Toe and Steel Toe Caps. Time permitting, Rob will talk about footwear construction as well as how to fit yourself into safety footwear.

About our Speaker: Rob Osborne, Honeywell Safety Products

Rob Osborne is a Territory Sales Manager in Footwear for Honeywell Safety Products, covering the Western United States. Rob has been in Industrial Footwear for almost 20 years. He started his career at EJ Footwear, then Lehigh Safety Shoes, Rocky Shoes and Boots, and is currently with Honeywell. When Rob is not a shoe dog helping companies keep their people safe from slip, trips, and falls as well as drops and foot smashes, he likes spending time with his family, camping, gardening, and also serves on his city’s Planning Commission. Rob is a train nut, and is currently working on a garden railroad in his backyard. Rob is married, has 3 boys, and lives in the Salt Lake City area.

Bakersfield ASSE Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings are held from 7:00–8:45am on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel’s Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is $13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet (cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted). The cost is only $5 for Student and Emeritus Members of ASSE.

Your RSVP is appreciated!
Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
Message from our President

As I reach the halfway point of my term as your Chapter President, I wanted to share a few thoughts as we go into a New Year.

As President and as a member, I have seen the importance for safety professional to be competent as well as active in promoting our profession. Promoting the safety profession takes all of us working in concert. This starts with each of us challenging ourselves. This year I have completed my Bachelors of Science in Occupational Safety and Health (Summa Cum Laude) through Columbia Southern University. Why do I mention this, because I challenged myself not only to obtain my degree, but meet the requirements to become a Professional Member. Something I challenge all our members to work toward.

As for those who are already Professional Members, I challenge you to continue promoting our profession when you are at home, work, and within our community. I challenge everyone to take advantage of what Society and Chapter offers for you to grow in your profession and give back by being a “leader through volunteering”. This coming year, I would like to recognize many more of our members for their professional growth, as well as for their time in volunteering. Not only volunteering through our Chapter social events, such as the Christmas parade, but through other Chapter events that help our community or promote our profession.

As an example, back in October, I took advantage of the ASSE Foundations continuing Education Grant, to take an OSHA 501 course (through UC San Diego extension) at Bakersfield College. The instructor was Robert Fernandez (great instructor), and the class consisted of 18 students from different companies/organizations (photo below). I challenged myself to promote our Chapter and profession even while taking this course. What was more exciting, was the fact one of our Executive Committee members George Clarke (Taft College Student Liaison) helped to share his experiences to promote our Chapter and the profession. Several of the participants in the class were instructors from Westec/Taft College and they also provided some positive feedback about their experiences with our Chapter to the other students.

In closing, I challenge all our Chapter members to become a “leader through volunteering” to promote the Chapter, our profession, and help our community be safe. Take the steps to become a Professional Member by utilize what your Chapter and Society have to offer. In addition as you grow in the profession, mentor or guide those individuals who are interested in our profession.

Hoping everyone had a great holiday season and now we can look forward to an exciting New Year in Safety!

Michael Garcia, OHST, CET

ASSE Bakersfield Chapter President (2017-2018)
Bakersfield Chapter Study Group

The Professional Development Study group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at Continental Labor and Staffing [900 Mohawk St, Suite 120].

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).

Anyone can join the group at any time; this is a “go at your own pace” study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIS.

We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training.

You can purchase the work books from: www.spansafetyworkshops.com.

Please direct emails to Heath Taylor if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.

Professional Development Achievements

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!

Chase Hall with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a CIH.

Let us know about your professional development successes too! Certification info at www.bcsp.org.

“Members on the Move”

Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Member on New Assignment

Lauren Netzer — Facilities Technician at Clean Harbors

John Mckinley — Senior Field Safety Advisor at Lyles Construction Group
No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSE members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes.

https://www.westec.org

Welcome New Members!

Although guests are always welcome, ASSE loves it when new members join. Here are a few of the most recent new members. If you see them at an ASSE meeting, please give them a friendly welcome.

Beverly Rivas—Student Member
Gary Garrahan—The Wonderful Company
Wilson Jones—Bakersfield College Student Section
Zack Macpherson—Macpherson Oil
Sydney Nelson—CSUB Student Section

Terry Ellis recognized for his 25 years as a member of ASSE
OSHA Still Considering Revising Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

Once again, the deadline for covered employers to electronically submit injury and illness records to OSHA has been delayed. The Agency has indicated that it is close to completing its review of the Obama-Era final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. In a Status Report filed on October 10, 2017 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, which has stayed litigation over the rule pending further rulemaking, the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) indicated that OSHA continues to develop a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) to “reconsider, revise, or remove provisions of the [Rule]” as announced in the July 20, 2017 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ regulatory agenda.

DOJ went on to state that it understands that OSHA has “drafted substantial portions of the NPRM, including draft regulatory text and a summary and explanation of the proposed changes, and that OSHA’s economists have made significant progress on the economic analysis and continue to refine it. Once the analysis is finalized, the draft NPRM will proceed through the agency clearance process.”

The Status Report gives no indication as to when this process will be completed or when the NPRM will be published. Many industry groups and the Commerce Department have urged the new administration and OSHA to eliminate provisions under the rule that would make employer injury and illness data publicly available online and which would restrict existing employer policies such as safety incentive programs and post-accident drug testing. Unfortunately, the filing does not reveal what parts of the rule may be subject to revision or removal. There are some expectations that OSHA will maintain the electronic reporting requirements but will not make the information publicly available. OSHA may also eliminate the rule’s anti-retaliation provisions.

Upcoming Regulations

After the first of the year, Cal OSHA will begin considering and holding public meetings on adding to the required IIPP. The add on is to consider making it required to have a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan in your IIPP, more info in the coming months.

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Chapter Meeting

February 7th Topic: Effective Injury Management & OSHA Recordkeeping

Gain an understanding of appropriate actions, and the pitfalls of inaction, when an employee experiences an injury incident. Learn the definitions of the categories of OSHA injuries for documentation on the Log 300 and actions to take regarding the appropriate times to notify OSHA directly to inform them of injury to your employee. Also an update on the Electronic OSHA 300A tracking (Federal Standard Cal/OSHA is working on to adopt) will be given.

Speaker: Joe Bariffi, CSP,—Aera Energy, LLC

Joe started his career as an EH&S Technician for Mobil Exploration and Production in Lost Hills, transitioning to Belridge as a Safety Specialist in 1991. In 1998, Joe transferred to Mobil Marketing & Refining in Torrance as a Safety Engineer. In 1996 he was hired as a Safety Advisor for Aera Energy in Ventura. Joe joined the Bakersfield Community in 2000 as an H&S Team Lead, also for Aera Energy. Currently Joe develops and implements corporate EH&S Management Systems to reduce employee and contractor injuries, illnesses and property losses. He also develops and implements employee safety training programs, industrial hygiene programs as well as conducting risk assessments to prioritize health and safety projects. Joe analyzes trends in corporate health and safety data and provides professional development opportunities to the Aera H&S Team.
Get involved with WISE

WISE stands for Women In Safety Engineering, but don’t let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

**Our Objectives:**
- Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
- Promoting EHS in our community
- Networking to strengthen professional relationships
- Advancing the professional development of our members
- Mentoring women

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**January 2018**

*Date:* 1/18/18  
*Time:* 6pm  
*Where:* NuSil Technology  
2343 Pegasus Rd  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
*Speaker:* Kay Robert, ArcPoint Labs  
*Topic:* The Truth About Opiates

During this meeting, Ms. Robert will cover the history, statistics, and myths regarding opiates.

For more information, please email your Bakersfield WISE Chair Lisa Marriott-Smith or join us on Facebook!

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**Bakersfield WISE Professional Development Poll**

Were you unable to attend the November Bakersfield WISE 2018 Planning Meeting, but would like to be involved in developing next year’s program?

Send an email to wise@bakersfield.asse.org with your answers to the short poll below.

1. What day of the week are you available to attend meetings?
2. Would you prefer evening or lunch meetings?
3. Do you have any suggestions for professional development topics or speakers?

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**Bakersfield Chapter Promotes Safety at the 2017 Bakersfield Christmas Parade**

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We were provided the opportunity by CSUB and ASSE to attend the Future Safety Leadership Conference in Lombard, IL. As the only school from California, we both felt as if we had a big responsibility to represent emerging west coast safety professionals. The conference focused on equipping students with information current safety professionals wished they knew or were told starting out in their safety career. Keynote speaker and Chief Safety Officer for Vivid Learning Systems, Jill James enriched our minds with her speech that included ten ways to be a confident, approachable, and intelligent safety professional; she stressed love what you do.

We enjoyed networking and getting to know other ASSE student chapter members from schools across the nation. Along with networking with students, we were able to meet with representatives from large companies such as Georgia Pacific and Fiat of Chrysler. Both companies were impressed that not only are we going to graduate with a degree in safety, but our degree also incorporates environmental resource management. This was extremely encouraging to us because we now know, large companies are not just interested in OSH degrees. Other major takeaways from the conference were, how much every safety professional that spoke stressed the need for knowing how a business works and the terminology management is going to be using.

We enjoyed the time learning and networking at the Future Safety Leadership Conference and want to thank ASSE and CSUB for believing in us and providing us with this opportunity.

Thank you
Volunteer Opportunity 2018 Symposium Committee

Members and Guests of the Bakersfield Chapter, we want you to know about a short term volunteer opportunity you are well suited to fill! The 19th Annual Bakersfield ASSE Symposium will take place on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at the Rabobank Convention Center in Bakersfield, California.

This is the most leveraging event our chapter puts together each year. Planning is essential for the success of the event.

The Symposium planning committee can use your fresh ideas!!

Jon Hall (President-Elect) is the Symposium Planning Committee Chair. Let him know your questions and/or willingness to help by contacting him at presidentelect@bakersfield.asse.org

Become a Member!


Students: Join for only $15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation (wow!)-what a great deal!

ASSE to become ASSP at Safety 2018, with the debut of a new website.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you, our members, please contact Gary Ray via email at rayg@kerncounty.com.
A Benefit of Joining the Bakersfield Chapter

Reimbursement of Testing Fees Associated with Passing BCSP Test

Felipe Guerra Receiving CSP Test Fee Reimbursement

Jason Kibbey Receiving ASP Test Fee Reimbursement

Chad San Juan Receiving ASP Test Fee Reimbursement